

# Burgundy

June 5 - 11, 2023



## What to expect

This is a new stellar tour of one of the premier wine regions of the world. Home to some of the planet's greatest and most refined wines, Burgundy's reputation is as good as it gets. This is the opportunity to discover the wines, personalities and landscape of this wonderful part of France.

Co-hosted by Raymond Blake, an Irish wine journalist and author who has an intimate knowledge of the region. He has been commissioned to write the Burgundy entries for Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book (following two previous books specifically about Burgundy). He owns a house in the region with his wife and writes regularly for The World of Fine Wine, and regularly films items for 67 Pall Mall TV (including two to be filmed in Burgundy this summer, shortly after you visit).

The itinerary is subject to the hosts' policies in respect of the ongoing and evolving Covid situation, particularly with regard to the rules and laws in France. Some of the visits are provisional.

## Highlights

- Visits and long lunches at some of the best wineries in Burgundy
- Personal access to Burgundy expert Raymond Blake
- Walk and dinner in Paris
- Visit the Hospices de Beaune
- Michelin star dinner in Beaune

## Winery visits

William Fevre, Faiveley, JC Boisset, Clos de Vougeot, Domaine du Villaine, Joseph Drouhin, Chateau de Meursault, Château de Pommard



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## Trip Itinerary

Arrive in Paris at 4 star Hotel Belmont on Monday 5th of June.

### Monday 5th June

Meet at 4.30pm for a wine nostalgia walk through the Tuileries to the Cite Berryer where the Academie du Vin set up the Judgment of Paris and on to Willi's Wine Bar for a glass or two of something interesting to get us started before dinner. Walk to dinner in 110 Taillevent, a chic and elegant brasserie famous for serving 110 wines by the glass. A very pleasant introduction to the food and wine of France. **D**

### Tuesday 6th June Chablis

Depart Paris and head south to Chablis for visit and tasting at William Fevre, one of the great domaines of the region dating from 1957. We enjoy la seasonal lunch at Le Maufoux Chablis neaby and then travel on to Beaune, arriving late afternoon to check in to Hotel Le Cep, where we settle in for the week. A wine hotel ideally situated in the heart of Beaune, it's a traditional setting for our stay with a great restaurant and spa. In the evening we enjoy a 'Crémant & Canapés' reception in the courtyard at 7pm Dinner is free this evening. **B/L**

### Wednesday 7th June Côte de Nuits

Morning visit to the prestigious Domaine Faiveley. We then visit JC Boisset in Nuits-Saint-Georges for lunch and a tasting. This is really impressive, brand-new winery and a lovely setting to appreciate the landscape and the range of wines that the area can produce. In the afternoon we visit Château du Clos de Vougeot, a historical chateau that was once a winery and sets the historical scene for the whole region in context. After our visit we return to Beaune. Free evening.

**B/L**

### Thursday 8th June Côte Chalonnaise & Côte de Beaune

Morning visit to Domaine de Villaine in Rully. This is the personal domaine of Aubert de Villaine, co-owner of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, now run by his nephew Pierre de Benoist. This is a biodynamic winery and in interesting place to see the future of Burgundy. Drive back to Beaune via the Montrachet vineyards for a stop and stroll and enjoy a *light* cheese and charcuterie lunch at La Maison de

Maurice. In the afternoon we enjoy an extended visit to Joseph Drouhin. We start with a visit to the vineyards of the Clos des Mouches with the tasting of a Beaune 1er Cru Clos des Mouches white and red in the vines, followed by a visit to their historical cellars followed by the tasting of their most emblematic wines, ending around 4.30pm a short stroll from the hotel. In the evening we then enjoy a dinner at L'Expression where we try wines from some of the parts of Burgundy that we won't be visiting, we will also be joined by one of Raymond's Burgundian wine friends for a local's view on the current wine scene in Burgundy. **B/L/D**

### Friday 9th June Côte de Beaune

We leave the hotel just before 1000 for a visit to Château de Meursault. The property changed hands a few years back and has seen huge improvement since. We take the chance to taste wines from Château de Marsannay (Côte de Nuits), which is in the same ownership so this is something of a 'double whammy' visit. We then move on to a visit and lunch at Château de Pommard which was bought by a Silicon Valley entrepreneur a few years back and has been massively transformed since and offers a wonderful visit and wines. Return to the hotel and evening is free. **B/L**

### Saturday 10th June Beaune

We have a leisurely final day, enjoying a visit to the weekly market in the morning before free time at lunch and then a visit to the Hospices de Beaune in the afternoon. Our last dinner is at the Michelin starred Loiseau des Vignes which is actually housed in the same building as Le Cep. A fine place to conclude the tour. **B/D**

### Sunday 11th June End of Tour

Tour ends after breakfast. Onward train connections are available to Paris and Lyon.



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**\$5995 per person double occupancy**

**\$700 single supplement**

**\$500 deposit per person**

## Included

- 1 night Hotel Belmont, Paris
- 5 nights Hotel Le Cep, Beaune
- Private transport by luxury coach
- Tour manager
- Breakfast daily; 4 lunches/ 3 dinners
- Visits and activities as specified

## Not included

Airfare; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance; gratuities for guides

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